

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Fifth Month 13, 2012

Clerk: Kitti Reynolds

Alternate Recording Clerk: Barbara Esther

Present: Laura Maynard, Rylin Hansen, Gail Hipkins, Jim Hipkins, Ruth Stewart, Jim Cavener, Margaret Normile, Katherine Kowal, Kristi Gjelfriend, George Gjelfriend, Gita Larsen, Rusty Maynard, Pat Johnson, Bobby Carter, Edie Patrick, and Nick Mimken.

Opening Worship

Clerk's Reading:

“No man can conform his faith to the dictates of another. The life and essence of religion consists in the internal persuasion or belief of the mind.”

Thomas Jefferson

as quoted in the April 9, 2012, Newsweek Magazine

[The clerk read “No *person* can conform *his or her* . . .]

Minute 1: Friends approved the minutes from Fourth Month with the following changes to reflect the fact that the Ad Hoc Library/Nursery Committee had not yet met to make decisions and to the respect the privacy of the Young Friend involved in a report:

In the section on a young middle-schooler, we will not include the Young Friend's name.

In the Other section the wording will read as follows: “Kitti Reynolds announced that there is an ad hoc group working to adapt the library to create a shared library/nursery respectful of the needs of both groups,” and substitute the word “may” for “will” in the sentence regarding moving of library materials.

Nominating Committee: Katherine Kowal

Minute 2: Friends approved Gail Hipkin to serve on the Ministry and Counsel Committee. She will take the place of Barbara Esther, who is cycling off the committee.

Finance Committee: Pat Johnson

Pat reports that our net income is keeping pace with the budget at this point. Our phone bill has risen significantly, which Adriane will explore with AT&T. [see below]

The clerk announced that this year we are skipping our regular meeting for business in June. However, we will have a business meeting in the other summer months. This is a change from our practice in the past.

Minute 3: Friends approved the following committee to organize a welcome for new member Pat Johnson: Jim Cavener, Barbara Esther, Margaret Normile and Kitti Reynolds. The date will be announced later.

An invitation was extended to Friends in Asheville from Columbia Friends Meeting to attend a celebration of the opening of their new meetinghouse in Columbia, South Carolina.

Minute 4: Friends approved that our clerk send a letter to Columbia Meeting to congratulate them on the new meetinghouse, located at 120 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia, South Carolina, 29203. Friend Gita Larson, whose membership is with Columbia Friends, will hand-deliver and read the letter on our behalf at the celebration on June 2, 2012. Any other Friends interested in attending the celebration should contact Gita.

One Friend reported that the middle school member of our meeting who had been isolated at lunch as a punishment was allowed to be joined by her friends: the result being that three tables-worth of friends joined her at lunch. A Friend asked that we hold all the parties involved in the Light, to help the teachers and authority figures to present a mature and compassionate model for the youth they serve. Another Friend pointed out that an atmosphere of listening to the concerns of students is also important. Moreover, the systemic problems of low funding and lack of moral support is something for Friends to consider.

Spiritual Enrichment Committee: Barbara Esther

The committee met on May 10th to review committee practices and our programs presented so far this year. Only one more program remains: on May 20, a report from Erika Seger, who we supported when she went to Ramallah Friends School to work in their preschool. We recalled some highlights: our Worship Sharing on a healthy meeting, the program presented by Carol Motley on Bury Me Naturally, cookie making for our elders, Secret Friends with the Religious Education Committee, Pat's slides and story of her time in Tanzania, the two sessions on immigration issues, the letter-writing days all of which were indeed enriching for Friends.

There will be no formal adult Spiritual Enrichment programs in June, July or August. However, any Friend who wants to clerk his or her own concern can plan and facilitate a First Day, Second Hour program during those summer months.

The committee plans to meet again in late summer to plan our program for the 2012-13 months September through May. We would like to consider some sharing of spiritual journeys from Friends, follow-up sessions on Bury Me Naturally and immigration issues, a follow-up on the earlier healthy meeting discussion. We also hope that a fall retreat will be possible. We ask that the Ministry and Counsel Committee give the idea of a retreat some thought and bring a recommendation to the meeting in July. Two ideas emerged for a retreat: Quaker Quest and seeing that of God in nature.

The committee wants to thank Pat Johnson for her years of faithful work on the committee as she completes her term of service. We look forward to a new member being brought to the July or August business meeting by the Nominating Committee. Barbara Esther will serve as clerk of Spiritual Enrichment Committee for the coming year until June of 2013.

Lastly, the committee has discovered that it is responsible for the purchase of pamphlets for visitors and seekers to take and read that we display in the lobby. We were not aware of that obligation when the budget was approved for this year and find that the \$50 for committee expenses will not be enough to cover the cost if we purchase pamphlets in bulk at a discount. **We request that meeting allow us to make this purchase of pamphlets from the FGC Bookstore using general funds.** The supply should last for several years. Although we do not have a figure at this time, we estimate that the bill could be \$200.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Esther,
incoming clerk of Spiritual Enrichment Committee

Minute 5: Friends approved that the Spiritual Enrichment Committee spend what is needed (up to \$200 more than the committee's \$50 budget) for the purchase of pamphlets for visitors and seekers.

The report presented stated that there would be a letter-writing activity on May 27. This is an error. Our next letter-writing day is scheduled for the fifth Sunday in July.

Other

A letter was received from the Adelphi Meeting in Maryland. It dealt with their experience in discernment on the topic of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Trans-sexual Friends. The meeting is feeling called to begin discussion with other Friends in diverse meetings regarding GLBT issues. A Friend asked that Ministry and Counsel respond to the letter in a supportive way.

We closed the meeting with a period of worshipful silence. During the silence Friends were thinking of Landon and Jen Rhode who are awaiting their baby. Several Friends knotted on the new baby's quilt that is a meeting effort at the back of the meeting room during our meeting for business. We will meet again as way opens on Seventh Month 15, 2012

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	<u>Jan 1 - May 12, 12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Contribution Income				
4010 · Unrestricted	5,258.12	0.00	5,258.12	100.0%
4000 · Contribution Income - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>16,293.00</u>	<u>-16,293.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	5,258.12	16,293.00	-11,034.88	32.27%
7010 · Interest Income	0.27	300.00	-299.73	0.09%
Rental Income	<u>2,156.25</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>-1,343.75</u>	<u>61.61%</u>
Total Income	<u>7,414.64</u>	<u>20,093.00</u>	<u>-12,678.36</u>	<u>36.9%</u>
Gross Profit	7,414.64	20,093.00	-12,678.36	36.9%
Expense				
Transfers TO Other Funds**				
Scholarship Fund Transfer**	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Transfers TO Other Funds**	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%

Meeting House**House and Grounds**

Cleaning	161.25	0.00	161.25	100.0%
Landscaping	290.00	0.00	290.00	100.0%
Maintenance	180.00	0.00	180.00	100.0%
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%
House and Grounds - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>-3,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total House and Grounds	641.25	3,000.00	-2,358.75	21.38%

6180 · Insurance

Board of Directors	0.00	45.00	-45.00	0.0%
Property/Casualty	8.00	2,610.00	-2,602.00	0.31%
Worker's Comp	<u>0.00</u>	<u>470.00</u>	<u>-470.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 6180 · Insurance	8.00	3,125.00	-3,117.00	0.26%

6390 · Utilities

Electric	157.81	0.00	157.81	100.0%
Gas	381.26	0.00	381.26	100.0%
6340 · Telephone	284.08	0.00	284.08	100.0%
6410 · Water	376.47	0.00	376.47	100.0%
6390 · Utilities - Other	<u>85.77</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>-2,414.23</u>	<u>3.43%</u>
Total 6390 · Utilities	1,285.39	2,500.00	-1,214.61	51.42%

Total Meeting House

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Meeting Support

Nominating Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Hospitality Committee	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Pastoral Care Ctte	7.24	50.00	-42.76	14.48%
Communications Ctte	0.00	135.00	-135.00	0.0%
Advertising				
Friends Journal	<u>133.00</u>	<u>88.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>151.14%</u>
Total Advertising	133.00	88.00	45.00	151.14%

Finance Ctte

Miscellaneous	56.99	0.00	56.99	100.0%
Finance Ctte - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>-50.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Finance Ctte	56.99	50.00	6.99	113.98%

Library

141.46	135.00	6.46	104.79%
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Ministry and Counsel Ctte

0.00	650.00	-650.00	0.0%
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6240 · Miscellaneous

Returned Check Charge	-10.00	0.00	-10.00	100.0%
6120 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Office Supplies (Meeting Clerk)	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Sales Tax Paid	<u>4.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4.73</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total 6240 · Miscellaneous	-5.27	200.00	-205.27	-2.64%

6560 · Payroll Expenses

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Religious Education Ctte

Childcare	348.00	1,350.00	-1,002.00	25.78%
First Day School	147.84	300.00	-152.16	49.28%
SAYF	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>-1,000.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Religious Education Ctte	495.84	2,650.00	-2,154.16	18.71%

Scholarships from fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Spiritual Enrichment Ctte	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total Meeting Support	1,829.26	4,358.00	-2,528.74	41.98%
Outreach				
6140 · General Outreach	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Peace and Earth Ctte				
Projects	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total Peace and Earth Ctte	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Quaker Outreach	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
SAYMA Dues	0.00	2,860.00	-2,860.00	0.0%
Total Outreach	0.00	6,910.00	-6,910.00	0.0%
Total Expense	3,763.90	20,093.00	-16,329.10	18.73%
Net Ordinary Income	3,650.74	0.00	3,650.74	100.0%
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